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## Fort Worth South, Inc.

Paul F. Paine President

August 24, 2015

RE: MB Docket No. 15-149

Tom Wheeler

Chairman

Federal Communications Commission

445 12th Street, SW

Washington, DC 20554

Dear Chairman Wheeler,

Our organization, Fort Worth South, Inc, was founded in 1996 to implement a strategic plan for revitalizing Fort Worth's Near Southside into a vibrant, urban, mixed-use neighborhood. It began as a small coalition of Near Southside businesses and community leaders but has grown dramatically over the past ten years. Since our inception, the Near Southside community has become the second largest employment center in Tarrant County, boasting 30,000 jobs.

Naturally, we seriously consider any investments or business opportunities that will bring additional growth and prosperity to our community, and our goal is to continue this community's renaissance to attract new residents and businesses. That is why we are writing in support of the proposed cable broadband merger of Charter Communications, Time Warner Cable and Bright House Networks into New Charter. We believe the proposed company would bring additional investments and opportunities to our community and its citizens.

Charter Communications has long served Fort Worth with high-quality broadband services, and has invested \$244 million in Texas to upgrade us to an all-digital network, resulting in broadband speeds of 60 Mbps. New Charter would likewise be committed to local investment, and would commit to building out one million line extensions of their networks into residential areas in rural and other underserved regions.

New Charter would strive to improve the communities it serves. The company would adopt Bright House Networks' successful low-income program by offering cable broadband services to low-

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income subscribers at a reduced rate. The ability to connect to the Internet would greatly benefit underserved members of our community by allowing children to complete homework and adults to pursue higher education and job opportunities online.

New Charter would also serve communities in need through rehabilitation projects. The company would continue Charter's *Charter Our Community* initiative, which aims to rebuild 25,000 unsafe homes by 2020. The program would partner with local nonprofits and illustrates New Charter's commitment to building relationships with community improvement initiatives.

We support New Charter because it will bring additional investments and services to our community. Fort Worth South asks that you consider the benefit of this service-oriented company and approve the merger.

Sincerely,

Paul Paine

President, Fort Worth South, Inc.

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